



Public Involvement Summary

Introduction

The Roosevelt Neighborhoods Public Meeting was held Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at the Wilson Elementary School District Board Room located at 3025 E Fillmore Street in Phoenix. The open house format meeting was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Members of WSP and City of Phoenix staff assisted eight attendees from the community with learning about the mobility study and providing input using a variety of printed materials, including:

1. Surveys – Spanish and English
2. Fact sheets – Spanish and English
3. Comment cards
4. Display boards
5. A roll plot showing examples of potential improvements

In addition, a laptop was available for attendees to provide input using the online survey and mapping tool.

Key Comments from Participants

The following bulleted list summarizes comments made verbally by meeting attendees to members of the Project Team at the meeting.

28th Street Comments

- Lots of drivers going fast here
- There is speeding on 28th Street.
- Emergency vehicles use this as a thoroughfare
- Request for speed humps a long time ago
- Could speed cushions be used as alternative to speed humps to slow down drivers and provide quick access to emergency vehicles?
- Yes, this would be a great alternative

28th PI/29th Street Comments

- Children that live in the neighborhoods south of McDowell Rd. use 28th PI and other local roads to travel to and from Creighton Elementary. The local roads in this neighborhood only have sidewalks on one side of the street. A

resident from this neighborhood expressed his concern for the kids walking to and from school and only having one side of the street available to them especially when it rains/ floods. The children often walk on the street. He has lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years and would like to see more sidewalks, especially for the children as well as trees for shade.

- Provide safer crossing across McDowell Road

32nd Street Comments

- If bike lanes are proposed, they need to have some sort of buffer to protect bicyclists from vehicles
- What is a multi-use path and what will it do?
- A multi-use path is a path for both bicyclists and pedestrians. These paths are very wide (10 ft.) and are mostly separated from other modes to transportation
- The multi-use paths near the freeway entrances will provide a safer environment for bicyclists and pedestrian to cross intersections near freeway entrances safely
- The path is proposed to be 10 ft. wide with high visibility crossings and improved signals to show bicyclists and pedestrians when to safely cross

Rosie Zapata-Villareal's Comments

- She does not live in the area (off 51st Avenue), but the organization/foundation she works for is within the area and they sent her to the meeting to get more information.
- She was wondering what the plans were for the canal as it crosses through the area
- Her foundation is looking to create community gardens in the area, particularly the school area across the street from Food City. Her friend works in that area too; however, he works from home and avoids going out due to all the traffic.

Abraham James' Comments

- There are many communities where kids walk in the street to get to school (especially in neighborhoods north and south of McDowell Rd) and it is recommended that we fill the sidewalk gaps in the local neighborhoods.
- Add shade for kids walking to and from school
- Improving the existing pedestrian bridge is good, many of his friends use that bridge to travel between different neighborhoods.
- Traffic on Roosevelt in front of the medical center is too fast. We need to have a lot of speed humps there.
- The map survey is very hard to use.
- LED streetlights are not as powerful/wide as the old lights.

- Future Van Buren Project concern: vehicles turning from Van Buren westbound onto northbound 30th Street could cause traffic congestion between 7-9am.

Overall

- People seemed/appeared impressed, and overwhelmed with how much information was being presented.
- There were moments where visitors seemed excited to talk about their neighborhoods.
- Almost all visitors took photos with their phones
- Having a bigger room may help
- We will need a bigger room for MA 10
- There weren't many analytical questions, as people seemed to spend the most time taking in what was in front of them.
- Most of the votes were for more shade and lighting.
- Residents want to see sidewalks in their neighborhoods, but were concerned with the space available to fit a sidewalk. Many house fences come close to the curb.
- Residents want to see more shade overall and more lighting for safety

The following table summarizes written survey responses obtained at the public meeting.

Question 1 responses: Cross Streets

1. 28th Street and Fillmore Street
2. 35th Street and McDowell Road
3. 24th Street and McDowell Road
4. 28th Street and McDowell Road
5. 51st Avenue and Indian School Road
6. 30th Street and Fillmore Street

Question 2 responses: How important are the destinations?

Sidewalks: 1.13 average
 Trees/Shade: 0.88 average
 ADA Curb Ramps: 1.80 average
 Street Lights: 0.88 average
 Bicycle Facilities: 2.33 average
 Connections to Bus Stops: 1.00 average
 Traffic Calming: 0.88 average
 Crossing: 1.00 average

Question 3 responses: How often do you go to destinations?

Job – 1.00 average
Food/Dining: 1.33 average
Errands: 2.33 average
Health/Community: 3.00 average
Schools: 3.17 average

Questions 4 through 7 responses: How safe do you feel when you...?

Ride a bicycle: 3.83 average
Walk: 4.5 average
Ride light rail: 6.4 average (5 respondents)
Drive: 7 average (4 respondents)

Question 8 responses: Where do you walk, bike, ride transit?

Walking

- 24th Street/Thomas Road to 24th Street/McDowell Road
- 24th Street/McDowell Road to 32nd Street/McDowell Road
- Around neighborhood
- Daughter's school

Bicycling

- Around neighborhood

Riding Transit

- Work and museum
- 27th Street/Indian School Road to 35th Street/McDowell Road
- Around neighborhood
- 51st Avenue/Indian School Road to 24th Street/McDowell Road

Question 9 responses: Where would you walk/bike/use transit but currently cannot?

Walking

- Daughter's school
- 24th Street/44th Street on Thomas Road and McDowell Road

Bicycling

- Daughter's school

- 24th Street/44th Street on Thomas Road and McDowell Road

Riding Transit

- Library and museum
- 49th Drive and Indian School Road

Question 10: Reasons that respondents can't get to destinations.

Not enough sidewalks: 1

Sidewalks cracked/in disrepair: none

NOT enough bike lanes: 2

Bike lanes are too narrow: none

It is difficult for me to cross busy intersections: 2

My neighborhood streets and bike lanes/routes do NOT go where I want to go: 1

The places I want to go are too far away to walk/bike: none

NOT enough shade (not enough trees): 2

NOT enough safe places to cross the street between intersections: 3

The existing streets and sidewalks do NOT go where I want to go: none

NOT enough street lighting (it is too dark): 3

Crime: 2 (both emphasized crime as an important factor)

Stray/aggressive animals: 3

Drivers do NOT obey traffic laws: 3

Vehicles drive too fast: 4

Vehicles drive too close to me: 1

Other: Crime emphasized as shown above

Question 11: Shared observations

- No sidewalks between 28th Street and 30th Street and Fillmore. Parents heading to Wilson and to the houses have to walk on the street. This is a safety concern.
- I will be creating a community garden along the canal, behind Gateway School. 1100 N. 35th Street., Phoenix, AZ 85008 between 34th Street and 35th Street. It would be great if the community could have better, reliable access to the community garden.
- Pretty good. Need more shade.
- My main concern is Van Buren.

Comment Cards and Postcard

The Study Team received three general comment cards and one yellow postcard with comments and responses. They are summarized below:

1. Please focus on 28th St to 30th St between Fillmore St. there is no sidewalk and there are many families and children walking in the street through this area. Reconsider Van Buren 2 lane project due to traffic concerns. Speed cushion on 28th St between Van Buren and Roosevelt.
2. I am a Special Projects Coordinator. I will be starting a community garden at Gateway School (1100 N. 35th Street., Phoenix, AZ 85008) between the canal and the school. I would love if the project could somehow make this gardenspace more accessible for the community.
3. Mi direccion es 1420 N. 29th St. Phx, AZ 85008 en la Southwest corner (29th St y Brill St). Vivo ahi por 21 años. Los niños de la escuela Creighton caminan todos los dias por mis sidewalks (en la tierra) pero cuando llueve tienen que caminar por la calle, en mi lado de la calle (esquina) no tengo rampa para wheelchair Por favor, pase por mi calle para que pueda ver mejor, lo que hace falta. Preguntas por favor llamar 602-488-7238 Gracias

[Translation: Mi address is 1420 N. 29th St. Phx, AZ 85008 on the southwest corner (29th and Brill St). I have lived there for 21 years. Creighton school children walk on my sidewalks every day (in the dirt) but when it rains they have to walk in the street, on my side of the street (corner). I don't have a wheelchair ramp. Please come by my street so you can better see what is missing. Questions, please call 602-488-7238. Thank you]

4. Postcard question A: Select the three most important items you would like to see in your neighborhood. 1 – Sidewalks. 2 – Trees/Shade. 3- Lights. Question B: Select the three places you, and your family, go most often. Errands, Health/Community, Parks.

Photographs

